



URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CLAYTON-le-MOORS.

1943

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

HEALTH OF CLAYTON-le-MOORS

by

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and

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Sanitary Inspector.

TO THE
CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present the Medical Officer's Report upon the health of the Urban District for the year 1943.

This again is an interim Report. It is intended that any items omitted will be dealt with in a Report at the termination of the war.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The area of the district is 1,060 acres. The population figure at the census of 1931 was 7,909.

The general health of the population was good. Little improvement was noticeable in the general cleanliness of the body and clothing of children.

Nits and lice in the hair of children still persist, although a slight improvement was evident. More mothers are employed in industry, and this may partially account for this neglect.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate	96	48	48
	(Illegitimate	2	1	1
	(Total	98	49	49

		<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Still Births	(Legitimate	2	2	-
	(Illegitimate	-	-	-
	(Total	2	2	-

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Deaths	84	38	46
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	4	2	2

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES:-

	<u>Deaths.</u>
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis	nil.
Other maternal causes	1
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	10
" " Measles (all ages)	nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	nil

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The ambulance of the Burnley Joint Hospital Board is used to convey patients to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Burnley.

NURSING.

The Accrington District Nursing Association provides home nursing in Clayton-le-Moors.

LATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

This service is administered by the County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly and Ante and Post-Natal Clinics monthly. The help of the ladies of the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is gratefully acknowledged.

SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by myself as Assistant County Medical Officer.

The school clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising, Minor Ailment, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics are held regularly once a month at the Welfare Centre. This is meeting with a great response, the injections are given by the Medical Officer of Health.

HOSPITALS.

No hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

The services outlined above are available to all and are generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centres, Clinics and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Accrington District Gas and Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Sanitary Authority under the Council's Surveyor's Supervision.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
45	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards ..	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Totals ...	6	2	3	3	1	1	-	-

The Tuberculosis Service for the area is administered by the County Council and one of their principal dispensaries is only a few yards outside the boundary of the Urban District.

This dispensary is constantly open with a full clerical and health visiting staff. One consultant and one other Tuberculosis Officer of the County Council attend several times a week to see patients recommended for consultation by Local Practitioners or cases found by the Medical Officer in course of routine work in schools, ante-natal or welfare clinics.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

The table overleaf shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases all ages.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-	-
Diphtheria (including membranous croup)	1	1	-	-
Measles	3	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	-
Total ...	14	1	-	-

There was no minor epidemics of any infectious disease during the year.

The Local Authority has now contracted with the Borough of Darwen to admit infectious cases to their Infectious Diseases Hospital.

No difficulties are expected in the future re the admission of these cases.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1942, 157 children in Clayton-le-Moors were immunised against Diphtheria.

The following table indicates the number of children immunised in 1943, in the various age groups.

Ages Years.	No. of Children Completely immunised.	No. of Children who ceased to attend before completion of course.
Under 1	-	-
1	42	-
2	24	4
3	31	4
4	10	2
5	5	-
6	27	-
7	17	3
8	4	5
9	10	4
10	9	2
11	5	4
12	3	2
13	2	3
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TOTAL.	189	33 Some of these have left the district.

During the early part of the year the immunising material used was Diphtheria Prophylactic Toxoid-Anti-Floccules, three injections were given at fortnightly intervals.

Later the prophylactic used was A.P.T., two injections only being given and an interval of four weeks being allowed between the first and second injection.

I again thank the members of the Council for their courtesy and help and for the interest shown in matters relative to the Public Health in the District.

Yours faithfully,

J. ROBERTSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Council Offices,
Clayton-le-Moors.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1943.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

The number of premises visited during 1943 was 139.

From these visits 162 nuisances and defects were noted and 150 were remedied.

98 informal notices and 2 statutory notices were issued.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

No. of houses using:-

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers)	526
Waste Water Closets (estimated)	1689
Pail Closet System	7
Privy midden system	3

Total number of inhabited houses	2225
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163 blocked drains in connection with slopwater closets were opened.

During the year 4 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

As in the previous year, it was not found necessary to contribute towards the cost of installing fresh water closets in lieu of waste water system.

The cost of the few which were converted, being met by the owners.

ASHPIT ACCOMMODATION.

There are 2219 houses with moveable ashbins.

The collection of the refuse is carried out weekly by the Surveyor's Department, and is tipped satisfactorily at Butterworth Holme. The tipping is controlled.

WORK DONE BY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Ashpits emptied	66
Ashpails emptied	107,327
Privy Pails	748
Loads of House Refuse removed to tips	957
Horse carts of Street Sweepings removed to tips	-
Hand carts of Street Sweepings removed to tips	1,318
Tumblers of Gully Refuse removed to tips	120
Houses fumigated	10
Blocked drains and W.C.'s opened	163
Loads of snow removed	-
New houses certified as fit for human habitation.....	-

UNDER THE SHOPS ACT, 1934.

No infringement of the above act was observed.

ERADICATION OF BEDBUGS.

The number of houses found to be infected were:-

Council Houses	Nil
Other houses	2

Fumigation by sulphur and vermicide was carried out in these houses.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The principle type of offensive trades within this district is soap boiling, and no action was required to be taken, as these works are very satisfactory.

WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

The number on the register was 52 and their condition on the whole was satisfactory.

The number of factories inspected with mechanical power	4
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The number of factories inspected without mechanical power	2
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The number of defects found on these premises were

Insufficient sanitary conveniences	-
Other offences	1

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1943.

No. of new houses erected during the year:-

- (a) Total including numbers given separately under (b) -
 - (i) By the local authority -
 - (ii) By other local authorities -
 - (iii) By other bodies or persons -
- (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-
 - (i) By the local authority (included under (a) (i) above) -
 - (ii) By other bodies (included under (a) (iii) above) -

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:-

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| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 18 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 22 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932. | - |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | - |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | - |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | - |

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers 16.

Action under statutory powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	5
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners	3
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(b) By local authority in default of owners	-
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(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	-
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

By owners	-
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By local authority in default of owners	-
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(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-
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HOUSING CONDITIONS.

The general observations as to housing conditions are as follows:-

There are no congested areas in the district.

Approximately 10% of the houses are over 80 years old, have through ventilation and are stone built, flagged living-rooms with ground dampness prevalent.

Approximately 80% are between 20 - 30 years old, and are of brick and stone.

About 10% are modern (including Housing Estate) most of which are brick.

SUFFICIENCY OF SUPPLY OF HOUSES.

The demand for houses is again on the increase, particularly married women whose husbands are serving in the forces.

The Council possess sufficient land for all housing needs, and are contemplating the erection of houses.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The slaughtering of all animals has been carried on outside the district.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Canned Meat	31 lbs.
Canned Fruit	28 lbs.
Condensed Milk	47 tins.

MILK SUPPLY.

Under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, inspections were made. Nothing of a substantial character was done in the way of alterations during the year.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1943 in respect of:-

Tuberculin Tested Milk:-

(i) Bottling	None.
(ii) Distribution	None.

"Accredited" Milk:-

(i) Bottling	None.
(ii) Distribution	None.

No. of licences issued in respect of
"Pasteurised" Milk:-

Pasteurising Plant	None
Retail Distributors	9

FARMS.

No. of Dairy Farms	9
Approximate No. of Cows in district	130
No. of Cow-Keepers (including dairy farms)	9
No. on Register	9
No. of Inspections during the year	24
No. of Diarymen (other than Cow-Keepers) or Milk purveyors	35

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

10 houses were disinfected during the year after infectious disease.

3 books were fumigated from the library prior to re-circulation.

Yours obediently,

JOHN H. BRIDGE,

Sanitary Inspector.